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SUBJECT: FON MIN BLANCO CALLS ON ASST. SEC. KUBISCH

1. ON SEPT 28 FON MIN BLANCO ACCOMPANIED BY AMB LUISI CALLED ON ASST. SEC. KUBISCH AND DEP. ASST. SEC. BOWDLER AT THE DEPARTMENT. THE MAIN POINTS OF THE DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING, WHICH LASTED OVER AN HOUR, FOLLOW.

2. AFTER OPENING PLEASANTRIES, ASST. SEC. KUBISCH SAID THAT MAINTAINING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH URUGUAY MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO THE USG, THAT WE HAD VALUED URUGUAY OVER THE YEARS AND THAT WE CONSIDERED URUGUAYANS TO BE AMONG OUR OLDEST AND BEST FRIENDS IN THE HEMISPHERE. MR. KUBISCH ALSO SAID THAT AN INDICATION OF OUR FEELINGS TOWARD URUGUAY WAS THE FACT THAT RECENTLY WE HAD SENT ONE OF OUR FINEST AMBASSADORS (E. V. SIRACUSA) TO URUGUAY. THE MINISTER RESPONDED BY INDICATING THAT AMBASSADOR SIRACUSA HAD  
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PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT THIS WEEK,

THAT HE HAD MET HIM BRIEFLY AND HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY HIM.

3. BLANCO INDICATED THAT MANY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE GOU HAD TAKEN PLACE DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS. HE SAID THAT THE RECENT MEETING IN SAN MIGUEL AT WHICH THE PRESIDENT, THE MILITARY AND THE CABINET CLOSETED THEMSELVES FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND DISCUSSED KEY POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS WAS CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN AN EXTREMELY USEFUL SERIES OF

SESSIONS IN WHICH MANY SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS OF CURRENT AND FUTURE IMPORTANCE WERE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED; AMONG OTHERS, FOREIGN RELATIONS, MONETARY STABILITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY. ALL WERE TREATED IN DETAIL AND SOME SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATION PLANS WERE DEVELOPED. OF PRIME IMPORTANCE, SAID THE MINISTER, WAS THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME KEY CIVILIAN AND MILITARY FIGURES IN THE GOVERNMENT WERE ABLE TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A USEFUL DIALOGUE, ACHIEVE HARMONY, AND BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER'S PHILOSOPHY, APPROACH AND ABILITIES. THE MINISTER INDICATED THAT A SIMILAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED SHORTLY, THAT HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT AND THAT HE ANTICIPATES THAT IT WILL BE VERY USEFUL AS WELL. IN GENERAL, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW OPERATING WITH MORE DIRECTION AND COORDINATION THAN EVER AND IN GENERAL IS FUNCTIONING WELL.

4. BLANCO SAID HE FELT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA UNDER PERON WOULD BRING STABILITY TO THE RIVER PLATE AREA, AND HOPED THAT PERON WOULD LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO CONSOLIDATE THE COUNTRY'S VARIOUS POLITICAL FORCES.

5. AFTER DISCUSSING GENERAL TOPICS A DIALOGUE ENSUED CONCERNING CURRENT EFFORTS TO RESTRUCTURE THE OAS. THE MINISTER IMPLIED THAT MUCH MORE TALK THAN ACTION FEATURED THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE O.A.S. SOMEHOW, HE SAID, A FORUM MUST BE FOUND IN WHICH NO ONE COUNTRY--OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO THE U.S.--WOULD DOMINATE THE PROCEEDINGS, AND WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FRANK AND CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION LEADING TO CONSENSUS RATHER THAN

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ONCE-A-YEAR, PRO-FORMA, MEETINGS IN WHICH CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LA WERE THE PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY. HE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS MORE FREQUENT, RELATIVELY INFORMAL FORA MIGHT BE INSTITUTED AT WHICH COUNTRIES' REPRESENTATIVES COULD EXCHANGE AT SOME LENGTH THEIR PHILOSOPHIES AND ESPECIALLY ASCERTAIN THE THINGS THEY HAVE IN COMMON. KISSINGER

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